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STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

The Honorable Nicole Galloway  
State Auditor  
State Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Petition approval request from Ryan Meyer regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article I, Section 29 (2022-001)

Dear Auditor Galloway:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Missouri Constitution filed by Ryan Meyer on November 24, 2020.

We are referring the enclosed petition sample sheet to you for the purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary as required by Section 116.332, RSMo. Section 116.175.2, RSMo requires the state auditor to forward the fiscal note and fiscal note summary to the attorney general within twenty days of receipt of the petition sample sheet.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John R. Ashcroft

cc: Hon. Eric S. Schmitt  
Sheri Hoffman  
Trish Vincent

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars, sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is rejected.

### INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for the state of Missouri:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County (or city of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted rejection, at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ voting address and the name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.



STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

### CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn, say (print names of signers)

	Signature	Date Signed	Registered Voting Address	Zip Code	Cong. District
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signs \_\_\_\_\_

County (or city of St. Louis). FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN GUilty TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY. I am at least 18 years of age. I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ City State and Zip Code of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

*Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:*

Article I is amended by adding and adopting seven new sections to be known as Sections 29(a), 29(b), 29(c), 29(d), 29(e), 29(f), and 29(g).

Section 29(a). For purposes of collective bargaining in this Constitution, the term "employees" shall be defined as any two or more persons selling their labor who choose to bargain collectively with the same purchaser of labor. For purposes of collective bargaining in this Constitution, the term "employer" shall be defined as a purchaser of labor rendered by employees.

Section 29(b). The right of employees and employers to collectively bargain shall be absolute. All employees shall be entitled to this absolute right regardless of the manner in which they sell their labor whether public, private, or otherwise. No act or statute shall have authority to restrict, restrain, or otherwise affect or interfere with any collective bargaining agreement, contract, or covenant. No act or statute shall have authority to restrict, restrain, or otherwise affect or interfere with the method, means, or process of deliberation or certification of any collective bargaining agreement, contract, or covenant. No act or statute shall have authority to restrict, restrain, or otherwise affect or interfere with any union security agreement of any collective bargaining agreement, contract, or covenant. No act or statute shall have authority to restrict, restrain, or otherwise affect or interfere with the exercise of said right by any employee or employer in the production of any crop, any livestock, any good, or any service.

Section 29(c). In order to ensure the freedom of speech or effectiveness otherwise of employees' bargaining representative or representative organization, and in the event federal law, regulation, or court order prevent the full collection of dues or other means of compensation, the bargaining representative or organization may condition full collection of dues or other means of compensation directly from the employer within the bargained agreement, contract, or covenant, regardless of public or private nature of the employer.

Section 29(d). The right of employees to strike shall be absolute. In order to preserve the public welfare, the legislature may pass reasonable legislation to ensure continuity of service for electricity, water, or heat.

Section 29(e). Nothing in Sections 29, 29(a), 29(b), 29(c), 29(d), 29(e), 29(f), and 29(g) of Article I of this Constitution shall be interpreted to conflict with the law or Constitution of the United States or rulings of any United States court of competent jurisdiction over the state of Missouri.

Section 29(f). Sections 29, 29(a), 29(b), 29(c), 29(d), 29(e), 29(f), and 29(g) of Article I of this Constitution shall only be amended by affirmation of the voters of Missouri following the constitutional petition process defined in Article III Section 50 of this Constitution.

Section 29(g). No section hereunder shall affect the validity or enforcement of any contract in effect at the time of the section's execution.